German-Born Citizen Admits Making Loan Of $1,200 to Pelley

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Lumberman Testifies on Aiding Silver Shirts at Denaturalization Hearing

By the Associated Press.

TACOMA, Wash., May 13.—A well-to-do Tacoma lumberman who was born in Germany testified in Federal Court yesterday that he joined the Silver Shirts about four years ago and subsequently loaned $1,200 to William Dudley Pelley, leader of the organization, who has been convicted of sedition.

The lumberman, Henry Gustave Reinsch, 55, became a naturalized American citizen in 1912. He is charged in denaturalization proceedings by the Government with having had mental reservations when he took the oath of citizenship.

Testimony before the court brought out that Reinsch gave Pelley the money preceding and immediately after the entrance of the United States into the war.

Asked how it happened that he was asked to loan Pelley the money, Reinsch testified:

"I guess I was on the sucker list."

He identified a number of canceled checks, in the hands of Government attorneys, which were made out to Elizabeth Dilling, now under indictment in Washington on sedition charges.

Reinsch testified he donated $257.15 to Mrs. Dilling to aid her in carrying out the work of the Patriotic Research Bureau of Chicago. Mrs. Dilling is the author of the book "The Red Network."

He said he made the contributions because he believed Mrs. Dilling was carrying on work to protect the American way of life from infiltration by Communists and those who would destroy constitutional government.

Trained for Job in Reich, Ex-Bund Press Chief Says

CHICAGO, May 13 (AP).—A former publicity agent for the German-American Bund related yesterday that he studied at a Nazi propaganda school in Germany before he received his job in this country.

The account was given in Federal Court by Severin Winderscheidt, 40, of New York, who said he was appointed national press chief of the Bund and editor of the newspaper, Weckrufbeobachter, in 1937 by Bund Fuehrer Fritz Kuhn.

Winderscheidt was a witness in denaturalization proceedings against nine erstwhile Bund members as the Government sought to prove the Bund was an arm of Hitler's government.

He testified he went to Germany in 1936 on a seaman's card given to him by "the German consul." While in the Reich, he added, he attended a school for propagandists at Hamburg together with "Nazi representatives" from China, Japan, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Denmark, Poland and Norway.